

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

Claims 25-132 are pending in the present application. No amendments have been made to the claims.

Response to the Rejections

Response to the Obviousness-type Double Patenting Rejections

Over U.S. Patent No. 5,514,200

Claims 25-132 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-22 of U.S. Pat. No. 5,514,200 (Lovatt). The Examiner states that a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome this rejection. Therefore, Applicants herewith submit a 1.321(c) terminal disclaimer. Since this terminal disclaimer obviates the double patenting rejection, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Over U.S. Patent No. 5,830,255

Claims 25-132 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-52 of U.S. Pat. No. 5,830,255 (Lovatt). The Examiner states that a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome this rejection. Therefore, Applicants herewith submit a 1.321(c) terminal disclaimer. Since this terminal disclaimer obviates the double patenting rejection, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Over U.S. Patent No. 6,113,665

Claims 25-132 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-34 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,113,665 (Lovatt). The Examiner states that a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome this rejection. Therefore, Applicants herewith submit a 1.321(c) terminal disclaimer.

Since this terminal disclaimer obviates the double patenting rejection, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Over U.S. Patent No. 6,645,268

Claims 25-132 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-26 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,645,268 (Lovatt). The Examiner states that a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome this rejection. Therefore, Applicants herewith submit a 1.321(c) terminal disclaimer. Since this terminal disclaimer obviates the double patenting rejection, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Response to the Provisional Obviousness-type Double Patenting Rejection

Over Co-pending Application No. 09/637,621

Claims 25-132 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claim 1 of U.S. Pat. App. No. 09/637,621 (Lovatt). The Examiner states that a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome this rejection. Therefore, Applicants herewith submit a 1.321(c) terminal disclaimer. Since this terminal disclaimer obviates the double patenting rejection, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-442-1000.

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